

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/913,565	POVEY ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to After Final filed 6 August 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-11.
3. The drawings filed on 14 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

1. Claims 6-11 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Hilliard et al. (US Pat. 6,417,784 B1) discloses a vehicle classification and identification system including a wire-loop on both sides of the traffic lane; the wire-loop is extended such that it's oriented at an angle to the direction of traffic flow so that each wheel of the vehicle is detected separately as it rolls over the extended wire-loop. A 60-degree offset is suggested as a typical angular offset from the direction of travel for the extended wire-loop (col. 6, lines 3-36). Although Hilliard discloses that the plane of the wire-loop is substantially perpendicular to the plane of the pavement into which it is embedded (col. 6, lines 37-65), he does not disclose the claimed plurality of electrically conductive loops arranged in a line in a slot arranged substantially in a plane perpendicular to the road surface, thereby defining an axis of each loop extending substantially parallel to the road surface; wherein at least one active electronic component is located in the slot and adjacent to the at least one loop; wherein the components are mounted on circuits at regular intervals, the circuits comprising one of a small hybrid circuit and a thick film circuit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure as follows. Takeichi (US Pat. 5,952,981), which discloses an antenna element connected to an input/output terminal via plurality of hybrid circuits.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davetta W. Goins whose telephone number is 571-272-2957. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri with every other Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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